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CONSERVATION COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Although somewhat depleted by the too well known unknown virus, the Conservation Committee nevertheless managed to put in a good evening's work at its first meeting in 1948. Here's what went on:

Half a dozen or more Butano Associates came with Frances Dieterich, the chairman, to report on plans for saving the Butano Redwoods. Bert Werder, fire warden of San Mateo County, and an ardent fighter for Butano, expatiated enthusiastically on how he would like to go south and tell the people of Los Angeles what a marvelous forest it is, and how those trees are just as important to Los Angeles as to San Mateo County. "Look out Bert," said Art Blake, "You'll have Los Angeles moving its city limits up to include the Butano!" "I don't care," answered Bert. "Let 'em do it if it'll save the Butano Forest--they can move in, lock, stock, and barrel, if by doing so they keep the ax from those trees!"

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And speaking of Butano--this is a long way ahead--but Hermann Horn called our attention to the joint trip of Loma Prieta and Bay Chapters to the Butano, the third Sunday in May. And May, Bert Werder tells us, is the blooming month for the rhododendrons in those redwoods. A good time for those who don't know the region to find out why so many people are so excited about saving it.

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San Jacinto popped up again. A news story has it that the tramway is finally to be built up the mountain. Material, especially steel, being so hard to get, the chances are it can't be done right away.

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Jackson Hole--the bills to abolish the Monument have not yet passed. They have been blocked each time so far and are now waiting for vote on the debate calendar.

The committee heard from Ray Stone of the California State Horsemen's Association, of the progress which has been made on the California Riding and Hiking Trails. This association and others hope for a 3,000-mile continuous master-loop trail, which will traverse the length and breadth of California.

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Many letters have been received, asking what the club is doing on the acquisition of the South Calaveras Grove and adjacent lands, for a State Park. At the next meeting there will be a report on the current status of this.

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Cicely Christy is working on the committee's card index of organizations. She plans to work in the club office every fourth Monday in the month, and would welcome assistance in typing cards, and helping in other ways. Better check with her before going down there.

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Reports on Olympic National Park are that there is nothing immediate, but we stand by our original position--that there should be no suggestion of boundary change.

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It has been said that every member of the Sierra Club is a potential member of the Conservation Committee. You can help by keeping on the alert; if you hear of any disturbing threat, however slight it may seem, notify Art Blake, the chairman. Any relevant news item you read in the paper which the committee might have overlooked, send along. The more the committee knows of what is going on, the more useful it can be.

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YODELEARS HEAR--

--of the engagement of Averil Foster and Howard Koch, who plan to be married in August.

--that DeWitt Allen Jr., active rock climber, is now living in Honolulu and expects to be in Hawaii for several years.

--that Jon Serna, member from Southern California, and Jack Riegelhuth, former rock climber and Yodeler cartoonist, have visited the Club office recently.

--that the dates of the 1948 High Trip have now been set: July 4-17, in the Kings, and July 18-31, in the Kern-Kaweah area.

--that the January 17 Saturday Evening Post has a story, "Mountain Woman", by Neill C. Wilson; and that a picture of the Lost Arrow climbers appears on page 21 of U. S. Camera for 1948.

--that Franklyn Brown, former Custodian at Tamalpais State Park, is now at Portola State Park (the former Islam Shrine Grove) in San Mateo County. The State is making extensive improvements in this park, and "Brownie" says he'll be glad to see Sierrans at the new campgrounds and at his famous singing campfire programs.

--that Mugelnoos completes with its January 15th issue, ten years of its active life. Congratulations to the "peerless publication", which was after all the original inspiration for the Yodeler!

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Yodeleditor:

Just received the tenth birthday number with the "very first" heading and other nostalgic overtones and reminiscences. It is swell! And to show that I believe the little yellow sheet is now a going concern, I'm enclosing my check for two more years of same. I believe my subscription must be about run out.

Although I was never a "rock climber", I look back with pleasure on my association with the Yodeler staff as an alleged cartoonist. It was usually hectic, especially during the war years, when help was sometimes non-existent and Charlotte got the paper out practically single-handed.

What with the new "piton gun", some impatient rock climbers will soon be shooting their way up the 160-acre face of El Capitan, or the sheer split side of Half Dome! Lost Arrow, indeed!

Yours for another ten teeming years.

--Peter Friedrichsen

(Dear Peter:

Did you notice the "very latest" heading? It's an adaptation of one of the suggestions you sent in when we asked for new ideas. Apparently no one wanted a really revolutionary change from the traditional Yodeler background of mountains and trees, and we all liked the clear, clean lines of the stylized heading you submitted. We hope our readers like it too--it was somewhat overshadowed in our last issue by the reproduction of the "very first" one, but in this issue it can be seen in its full glory. Thanks a lot, Peter!

Yodeleditor)

INVITATION TO FLYING H

Several Bay Area Sierrans have told us that they were sorry to have missed the trip to southern Arizona and Flying H Ranch last Easter; several others who came would like to return this year. For those who would like to come down, camp among the grass and oaks, sit around a campfire with us, climb mountains, loaf or go places, a very hearty welcome at the Flying H.

There will be no official scheduled trip here Easter week, but for those interested, an announcement explaining arrangements will appear in the Southern California Chapter Schedule. Write to the Sierra Club, 427 West 5th Street, Los Angeles 13. Bien venido, amigos!

--Weldon and Phyllis Heald

MORE MAIL

Yodeleditor:

Re the Handbook--we were asked to offer suggestions (yes I know the Editorial Board doesn't promise to follow them all--and I know the Editor won't follow this one!) and I should like to take exception to two things on page 64. First, the words of the original Sierra Club Song as written by A. H. Allen in 1915 are not given in the handbook correctly, therefore it should not be so stated. The correct words can be found in the Sierra Club Song Book for 1916. Someone has changed "Sierra Club hikers" to "Sierra Campers" which sounds too terribly sedentary for a High Trip song.

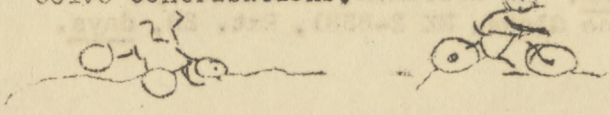
Where does the Editor get his authority for the statement "As far as can be determined, it was intended that they (the words) be sung to the melody of the Whiffenpoof Song?" and "is now accurately and popularly known again..." Can anyone definitely prove that it was at any time sung to that particular Yale version of the melody? The 1916 Sierra Club Song Book states "To be sung to the tune of Kipling's 'Gentleman Rankers!'" I am sure that there are many who feel as I do, that the melody as interpreted by the Yale Glee Club is not the version which fits a hiking song. For one thing--do we want to be continually reminded (for what else comes to our mind at that mournful refrain?) of poor little lambs who have lost their way? Sierra Club members? Oh, no!!

Does anyone else feel the way I do? If not, I'll say no more--but I don't think I'm the only one. I should like to remain anonymous, but as that is impossible--my feelings on this subject are too well known--I shall sign myself as I have before,

Yours anti-whiffenpoofly,
Aunty Whiffenpoof Parsons

DAISY, DAISY!

What gives on the bicycles?? We read about all the trips planned but nary a word about the results. Let us in on the news--the YODELER is always glad to receive contributions.



ADD-LIBEING

Renewed interest in Library Committee activities is beginning to pay dividends.

Good turnouts at recent Tuesday evening meetings have made it possible for the Committee to undertake the ambitious job of classifying and shelving all pamphlet material by subject matter. Included in the crew who have helped with this and other recent Committee meeting work are:

Diana Bell, Evelyn Gombert, Bessie Lawrence, Virginia Ward, Sam French, Alice Higgins, Frances Blake, Lloyd Demrick, Al Glenn, Blanche Clear, Helen Roets, Louise Tillmanshofer, Herman Ast, Rosalie Wolf, Barbara Weiler, Mary Rixford, Helen Waterman, Rita Wieland, Bill Sattler, Mae Moran, and Fred Laurence.

TUESDAY TABLE TALK

At the first full-fledged Tuesday dinner of the New Year, Ted Grubb showed his Kodachromes of the John Muir trail to an enthusiastic audience.

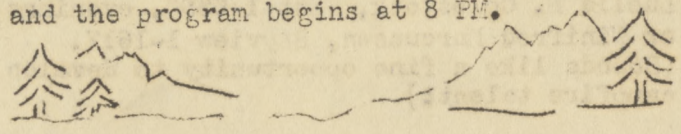
Also there was considerable discussion about plans for the future. A new committee was appointed; each member of it will serve as chairman and be responsible for one month's programs. We can be assured of an interesting evening for the first dinner under the new committee (Tuesday, January 27) as Portia Bradley will be arranging the program.

Other committee members are: Alice Abeel, Mary Herman, Amy Deeter, Madeline Spain, Hilary Crawford, Mabel and Cecil Earle, and Corwin and Sydney Hansen. We'll be seeing you Tuesdays!

PICTURES OF THE OLYMPICS

On Thursday, January 29, see "The Web of the Living Wilderness" at the Westlake Auditorium, 2629 Harrison Street, Oakland. This is a color film by Lois and Herb Crisler, depicting their life deep in the interior of the Olympics. It shows the rugged wilderness beyond the trails, and how the Crislers lived through the seasons in a tiny cabin on Hurricane Mountain.

The film is presented under the auspices of the Oakland Forum. Admission is 60¢, and the program begins at 8 PM.



NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION

Sunday, January 11, was an ideal day for the NSS hike in Marin County. Only a few species of manzanita were in bloom, but other treats made up for this lack. Garrya elliptica (silk tassel bush) lived up to its name with a superb show of tassel-like flower clusters. Also in bloom were two species of Ceanothus (C. thyrsiflorus, and C. sordiatus), Castilleia fliolosa (woolly paintbrush), the sticky monkey flower (Diplacus), and the California laurel (Umbellularia californica). Most memorable to the writer, however, is the small group of red and orange mushrooms growing by the side of the Matt Davis Trail, which were perfectly placed and lighted for Kodachrome, probably because the portrait attachment for the camera had been left at home!

Those present wondered if the great quantities of red berries remaining on the Photinia arbutifolia (toyon berry) indicated that the birds had been able to find more than the usual amount of other foods.

At the regular monthly meeting, Paul F. Covell, Ranger Naturalist of the Oakland Park Department, took the members and their guests on an enjoyable Kodachrome tour. The wildlife refuge at Lake Merritt with its now famous citizens were featured conspicuously in the tour. Other Oakland parks, many of them only small, contributed interesting specimens of native and introduced trees, as did some private gardens. Travels farther afield took us to Point Lobos and the Sierra Nevada.

--Kay Boysen Hargreaves

CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 25 Botanical Gardens in Berkeley. Details in previous Yodeler.

Save February 20 and March 19 for the evening meetings.

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CLASSES IN DRAMA AND PUBLIC SPEAKING are now forming under the California Adult Education Program. The instructor, Frederick Welch, is a Yale graduate in Music and Drama. If you are interested, phone Luella M. Colestock, WEst 1-6386, evenings, or Winifred Marcussen, BAyview 1-1617. (Sounds like a fine opportunity to develop campfire talent!)

LOMA PRIETAN PRATIN'S

The Executive Committee of the L.P.'s were guests of the Elmo Robinsons at their hillside home in Saratoga last week. The fireside chat became a sensational, precise, and right-to-the-point meeting. Out of this we learned that Frank Duveneck is in the Canal Zone and has been impressing some of his old cronies of years ago about the work that the conservation committee is accomplishing at the present time. The result is a gift of $50.00, the donor to be revealed perhaps at a later date. We do appreciate this and we DO MEAN DO. THANKS SO MUCH! We also heard about changes in the plans for the Memorial Day Outing--Bob Geisler tells us that a JEEP (not cheap) trip may be in store for us. More later on that! Bob also states that the new schedules go to press February first, so if you have words for that, PLEASE GET IT IN TO BOB.

Something else we found out was that Hildreth Kotsch, our membership chairman, has really been studying the matter. She has a manuscript a mile long--well, almost--and some really remarkable statistics appear. For instance, who do you think is "WHO'S WHO" for the most times out on hikes for the year 1947? Well I'll tell you--Bob Cassel and Russell Varian were running neck and neck on that mile stretch. (We'd really love to see a few more out.)

Last week, Wilma Lester led a brand new trip up into the Holmes Ranch. Yes, it was up on top most of the way and when they reached the campfires, they knew t'was coffee time! Six deer appeared upon the trail. Camera fans should appear too! We guarantee sunshine galore!

Say! Did you read in the schedule that Dr. and Mrs. Rollin Irons (plus the entertainment committee) are planning a Valentine Party? Well, they are. Why not plan to come and bring your Valentine? Leap Year y'know! The date--Well, naturally--

--Anice George

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WANTED: An apartment in Berkeley. Call Helene Glass, EX 2-8381, Ext. 28, days.

SEASON'S SKI TOURS SCHEDULED

The Ski Camping Sub-Committee of the Winter Sports Committee of the Sierra Club is organizing a number of trips for this season.

The next trip will be held February 7-19: a one-week trip from Bishop over Bishop Pass to Muir Pass through Evolution Valley and out at Piute Pass, for third class skiers and better. Ned Robinson will lead this trip. Phone: ANdover 1-1445; address: 4420 Bridgeview Drive, Oakland 2.

On Washington's Birthday week end, February 21-23, a three day trip from Echo Summit to Kit Carson Pass will be led by Frank Hauser for third class skiers and better. Large open slopes for exciting downhill running are to be found in this pass. Phone: BErkeley 7-8974; address: 2627 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

On March 6-7 we hope to get the use of the Ostrander Lake Hut in Yosemite. This trip will be for 4th class skiers and better, and will present an opportunity for those people who wish to pass their ski mountaineering tests to do so. The leader will be announced later (after we can railroad another volunteer as we did Frank Hauser who is as yet unaware he is leading a trip).

On March 20-21 Lewis Clark will lead a trip from Squaw Valley to Granite Chief Divide to Five Lakes Valley and return by Squaw Valley. This is terrain to be explored for a possible site of the next hut south of Benson Hut. This trip is for third class skiers and better and those who wish to pass their ski mountaineering tests.

Another meeting will be held to arrange for trips in April. People desiring to go on these trips should contact the leaders for arrangements. In order to know what to take on these trips read the Manual of Ski Mountaineering.

The leader will give those going a more complete check list than that given below so people won't leave things like ski boots at home. If anyone wishes to find out what equipment to acquire and where to get it, contact me. I can also furnish check lists for the individual. The group equipment will be the leader's headache.

Most of these trips are short easy ones. Even if you don't have your fourth or third class badge, contact the leaders if you feel qualified to take these trips. You need only be proficient in the stem turn, as that is the turn you will use most with a rucksack on your back.

Next year we will hold seminars and dry run a trip for practice. In fact, we recommend gathering your equipment and packing and unpacking it for practice. Try it without taking off your mittens because in cold air the hands cool off before you can put the mittens back on after a few seconds exposure.

--Roy A. Spring, Chairman
2600 Ridge Road, Berkeley 9
Phone: THornwall 3-4527

Brief (?) List of Equipment

Bergans-type rucksack
Matches
Bandanna
Dark glasses
Pocket knife or hunting knife
2-inch adhesive tape
Extra mittens and socks
2 sweaters.
Climbing skins
Sleeping bag (I prefer the Arctic bag: the two bags are much warmer than one!)
Plumbers' candles
Dirty, rugged ski pants (or else they will be)
Long Johns
Hat or earband
Mukluks and Arctic socks
Cup, messkit and spoon
Mountain tent (for 2)
Soap, toothbrush and comb
Air mattress (if you have one for short trips)

Equipment for the group:
Emergency kit
Primus stove, funnel and fuel container
2 nesting pots (a pressure cooker might be practical)
Dehydrated foods (lifeboat rations might be good)
Extra boot laces
Ace bandage
Thermometer (so you needn't guess why you feel cold at night)

Now to get it all in your rucksack!

VALENTINE DANCE

Friday the thirteenth (of February) is lucky this year--better come join the fun!

The place is:

Flora Fox Hostess House
(for Wolves only)
2676 California Street
San Francisco
The time is: 8:00 P.M.





"SPRING" OUTING

All factors combined to make the Lake Lagunitas hike on January 18 a perfect, if unscheduled, spring outing. The good weather and scenic route resulted in a record turnout of 66 hikers, to the consternation of the leader, the Greyhound Lines, and the lone travelers encountered.

The day was made to order for the California boosters, who had no difficulty in converting the assorted Minnesotans, Dakotans, and other "foreigners" to the attractions of Marin County winters.

We arrived in Fairfax en masse and almost intact, thankful that the special bus ordered by courier was soon ready for us. --Bob Howell

GOTTA TENT TO RENT? Need single unfurnished or partly furnished apartment by March 1st. Near good transportation. Prefer sunnier parts of San Francisco, but will consider East Bay (or even Bootjack). Ann Ray, BA 1-8753 (mornings).

WEST POINT CLUB SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY

7- 8	Mary Garland (Eve)	WA 1-5452
14-15	Roene McCook "	UN 1-2071
*21-22	Lupe Rioseco "	WE 1-0739
	Avis Burchard	
28-29	Sally Curtis(Any time)	PR 5-3679

*Central Commissary





WILL THERE BE SNOW? WE DON'T KNOW!!!

Mt. Hamilton is the mountain that has everything--almost! Telescopes, a grand view, and, if we're lucky, snow. If you want to go on the chartered bus trip Sunday February 8, get your reservations in early. See your Schedule for further details.

FOREVER AMBLE

It was with real regret that I could not recommend my favorite trip up Lagunitas Creek on account of mud beyond the sawmill. Later on, in May or June, when the road is dry and the stream becomes more passable the route will invite us. You won't have to judge yourself an exceptional hiker to come along, for the longer day will cancel the need to hurry.

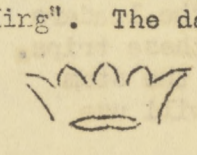
A good substitute trip was found in going out from Fairfax, finally walking along the ridge skirting the north shore of Alpine Lake and thence up Cataract Gulch which, at this season justifies its name. The group of hikers was small but select. The group was good humored--only a gentle rebuke greeted the leader when he strayed a couple of times from the crooked and narrow path, or when a "short-cut" ended typically in an abrupt slope and rock scramble. The group was consistently speedy--we could have arrived early at Mill Valley had we not chosen to indulge in late morning stimulation and later refreshments at Mountain Home, in addition to lunch at Laurel Dell and a visit with the large contingent of short trippers who had come down from the opposite direction.

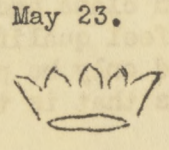
The day could not be improved upon. Early morning frost gave pep. Bright sunshine soon peeled off jackets, made inroads into shirts, and even dug out a couple of shorts. Earliest spring flowers are beginning to appear, but no buttercups as yet. There were no serious casualties from sunburn.

--John C. Williams

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A FLASH from the Mountain Play Committee: this year's production in the Mountain Theater on Tamalpais will be "If I Were King". The date? Sunday, May 23.





APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SF BAY CHAPTER
Date of election March 2, 1948

John Anderson (12)	Doris F. Leonard Richard M. Leonard
Marion E. Bausor	L. A. Emge, M.D. Fritzeldon Baldauf
Angelica Benndorf	Lilli Cohn Paul J. Zinke
Bruce W. Black	Robert R. Hughes Lawrence Merriam Jr.
Gwyn Bowron (17)	A. W. Bowron Bill Klein
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Florence M. Comer	Harriet T. Parsons Edward T. Parsons
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